

**REMARKS**

The September 1, 2003 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment stated that the Amendment filed August 4, 2003 was non-compliant for failure to include the text of the withdrawn claims. The Notice also stated that resubmission of only the affected section of the Amendment was required.

Accordingly, the Amendment to the Claims portion of the August 4, 2003 Amendment is presented herein, with the text of all claims, including those that have been withdrawn, set forth in full. Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Notice is respectfully requested.

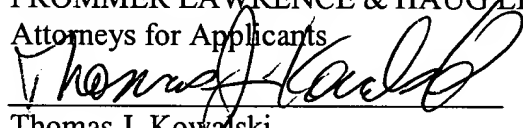
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the remarks and amendments herewith and those of record, the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the rejections of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or an interview at a very early date with a view to placing the application in condition for allowance, are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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